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June 10, 2004

Mr. Don L. Klima  
Director  
Office of Planning and Review  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809  
Washington, DC 20004

Re: AB-103 (Sub-No. 17X) - The Kansas City Southern Railway Company -  
Abandonment Exemption - in Jackson County, Missouri

Dear Mr. Klima:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1) and 36 CFR 800.11(e) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, I am notifying you that the proposed abandonment, set forth above, may adversely affect historic properties, as indicated in the letter (copy enclosed) from Mr. Mark A. Miles, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Office (MO SHPO) dated April 6, 2004.

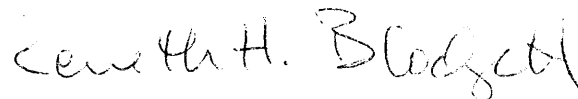
Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Miles beginning the consultation process.

Also enclosed is a copy of the petition for exemption filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) by The Kansas City Southern Railway Company describing the proposed action and containing information about the rail line.

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Board responsible for conducting the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, including the National Historic Preservation Act. I will be working with the MO SHPO's office, as well as the railroad, and other concerned or affected parties as needed. I have enclosed a copy of the environmental assessment for this proceeding, and seek your participation in the Section 106 process at this time.

If you need further information or have questions, please contact me at (202) 565-1554.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth H. Blodgett".

Kenneth H. Blodgett  
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures

cc: Mr. William Mullins, Baker & Miller PLLC  
Mr. Mark Miles, MO SHPO